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CORNER JOINT AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 4, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 4, 2006 in the above application wherein claims 36, 39, 54-57, and 59-65 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Specification

An amendment to the specification is shown in the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION.

In the Drawings

A REPLACEMENT SHEET for changes made to the drawing figures of pages 1 and 2 are submitted herewith.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.